

REMARKS

Claim 8 to 13 and 15 to 20 are canceled without prejudice, and therefore claims 7 and 14 are now pending in the present application.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable, and reconsideration is therefore respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 18 to 20 include allowable subject matter. While the objections may not be agreed with, to facilitate matters, the features of claim 18 have been included in claim 7, so that claims 7 and 14 are allowable. The remaining claims have been canceled since they are duplicative of claim 7, as presented. It is therefore respectfully requested that the objections be withdrawn.

Claims 7, and 9 to 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,941,215 ("Hellmann").

While the rejections may not be agreed with, to facilitate matters, the features of claim 18 have been included in claim 7, so that claims 7 and 14 are allowable. The remaining claims have been canceled since they are duplicative of claim 7, as presented. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

Accordingly, claims 7 and 14 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claims 7 and 14 are in condition for allowance. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejections and objections be withdrawn. Since all issues raised by the Examiner have been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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